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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAYS BACHELET IS ""70 PERCENT THERE ON OPPOSING VENEZUELA'S UNSC CANDIDACYOFFERS OBSERVATIONS ON BACHELET'S

Classified By: Ambassador Craig A. Kelly. Reasons: 1.4 (b and d).

- [1](#)1. (C) Summary: A mid-level, well-connected Foreign Ministry official told the Embassy on May 11 that in his view President Bachelet was ""70
  - [1](#)2. (C) A mid-level Foreign Ministry official told the Embassy on May 11 that he thought President Bachelet was ""70 percent there"" on opposir
  - [1](#)3. (C) The MFA official (who does not know Bachelet personally) commented that more so than past center-left Concertacion presidents, Bachele
  - [1](#)4. (C) The official added that given Bachelet's close inner circle and personal decision-making style, her ministers may not always know where
  - [1](#)5. (C) The official downplayed the influence of internal Concertacion coalition politics on Bachelet's thinking on Venezuela. While acknowle
  - [1](#)6. (C) The official noted that Chile's domestic energy needs, and Bachelet's desire to develop a regional approach to energy, might be part of
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